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1. THE AMBASSADOR SPOKE TO ACTING FONMIN RICARDO PINEDA MILLA MORNING OF NOVEMBER 15 AFTER PINEDA'S RETURN FROM QUITO. PINEDEM STATED THAT HE WOULD TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON ON NOVEMBER 18 OR 19 TO PRESENT GOH REPORT ON STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH EL SALVADOR TO COMMITTEE OF SEVEN. FOREIGN MINISTRY ADVISORS POLICARPO CALLEJAS AND VIRGILLO GALVEZ WILL ACCOMPANY HIM.

2. THE AMBASSADOR POSED QUESTION CONCERNING GOH WILLINGNESS TO MAKE STATEMENT INDICATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH EL SALVADOR ARE NOT A FAILURE AND THAT GOVERNMENT WISHED TO RESOLVE DISPUTE. PINEDA SAID THAT A NEWS STORY ORIGINATING IN MEXICO CONCERNING AN IMMINENT OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES HAD APPEARED DURING CONFERENCE. HE REMARKED THAT HE MET WITH FONMIN BORGONOVO TO DISCUSS SITUATION IN ORDER TO FIND SOME MEANS OF REFUTING STORY. PINEDA SAID THAT BORGONOVO WAS IN
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COMPLETE AGREEMENT IN ATTEMPT TO SQUELCH SPECULATION. PINEDA

SAID THAT DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE IN QUITO HE HAD DENIED THAT THERE HAD BEEN AN INCREASE IN TENSIONS.

3. PINEDA ALSO DISCUSSED WITH BORGONOVO THE POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING A MEETING OF THE TWO FONMINS IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO DISCUSS A RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS. ACCORDING TO PINEDA, BORGONOVO HAD INDICATED THAT HE WAS IN AGREEMENT WITH THE IDEA. PINEDA SAID THAT SUCH A MEETING COULD POSSIBLY TAKE PLACE IN DECEMBER OR JANUARY.

4. THE AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED U.S. INTEREST IN MAINTAINING FORWARD MOTION ON THE NEGOTIATIONS. PINEDA SAID THAT HE IS IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH REESTABLISHING NEGOTIATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO PREVENT A DETERIORATION OF RELATIONS. PINEDA ADDED HE HAD DENIED THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH EL SALVADOR HAD ENDED IN FAILURE DURING A NEWS CONFERENCE ON MORNING OF NOVEMBER 15.
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